

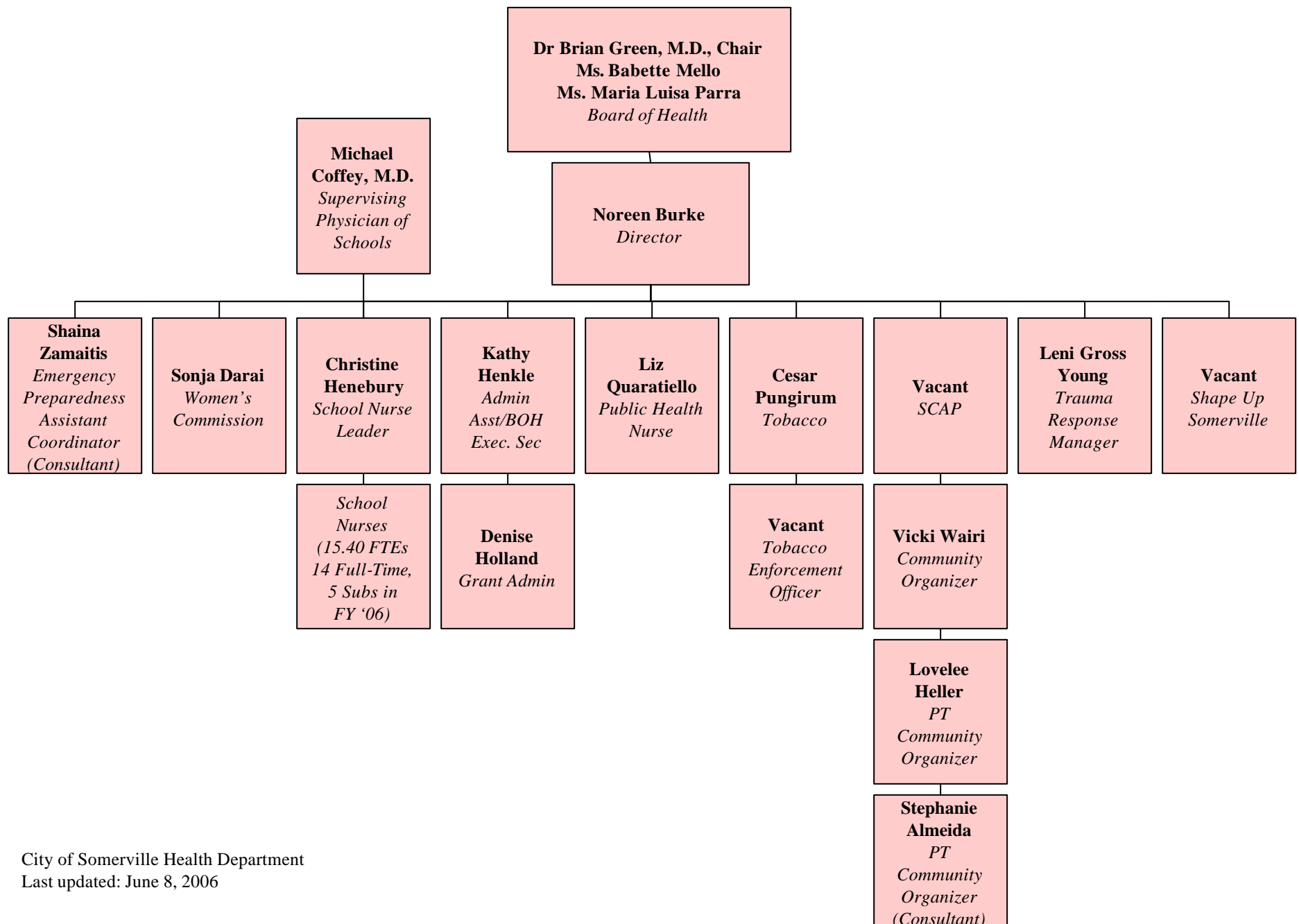
FY07 SOMERVILLE BUDGET HEARINGS

Health Department

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1. HEALTH – Organization



2. HEALTH – Public Health Nursing, School Nursing, Prevention: FY07 Goal

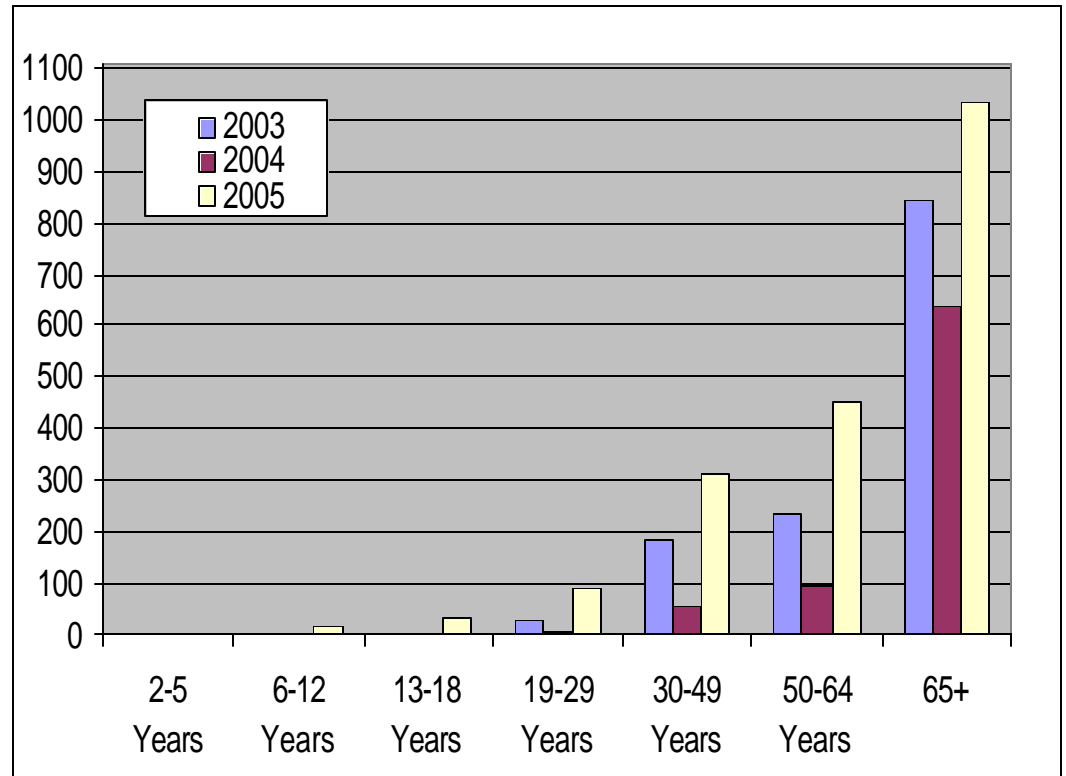
- Protect and support families' and individuals' health by sustaining and strengthening Public Health Nursing Services, School Nursing, Prevention efforts including Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs, Trauma Support Services, Shape Up Somerville (SUS), Women's Commission & Emergency Preparedness.**

3. HEALTH – Public Health Nursing: FY06 Accomplishments

- Provided flu shots to 1,929 people, generating over \$17,000 in revenue.
- Increased number of flu clinics to 21, increasing outreach to non-English speaking population.
- Investigated 139 cases of communicable disease and provided case management to 8 residents with TB.

Flu Shots Administered by Age

	2003	2004	2005
2-5 Years	2	0	0
6-12 Years	1	0	18
13-18 Years	1	2	31
19-29 Years	28	8	88
30-49 Years	182	58	312
50-64 Years	235	97	450
65+	842	635	1031
Total Doses Administered	1291	800	1930
Somerville Residents	1260	750	



4. HEALTH – School Nursing: FY06 Accomplishments

- Collaborated with Physical Education for Progress (PEP)/Shape Up Somerville and School Department to update school wellness policy to meet federal guidelines set forth in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act.
- Provided daily nursing care to all Somerville school students, resulting in a total of 35,851 visits between September 8, 2005 and April 12, 2006. Streamlined system for tracking vision failure follow-ups.

School Nursing Data – Event Disposition									
Event Disposition	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	% of Total
Referral Completed	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0%
Left with Parent	26	47	59	74	55	37	41	339	2.6%
Returned to Class	1214	1753	1830	1734	2092	1471	1298	11392	86.8%
Sent to Counselor's Office	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	7	0.1%
Sent to Guidance	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0%
Sent Home	0	4	1	1	1	0	1	8	0.1%
Sent to Principal's Office	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	6	0%
Stayed in Health Office	6	5	5	9	5	4	4	38	0.3%
Taken to Doctor's Office	2	0	3	1	1	2	0	9	0.1%
Taken to Hospital	4	1	1	4	3	0	1	14	0.1%
Dismissed	124	191	212	217	211	153	134	1242	9.5%
Monitor	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	5	0%
Healthroom - 2 hours	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	13	0.1%
Sent to gym	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0%
Sent to Cafeteria	1	14	8	4	15	4	1	47	0.4%
Not Applicable	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	5	0%
Total	1381	2022	2123	2051	2389	1680	1484	13130	100%

- Shows that 11,392 children were kept in school because of nurse's actions. Many may have otherwise been sent home.
- Less than 10% of children who see the school nurse are sent home to miss school.

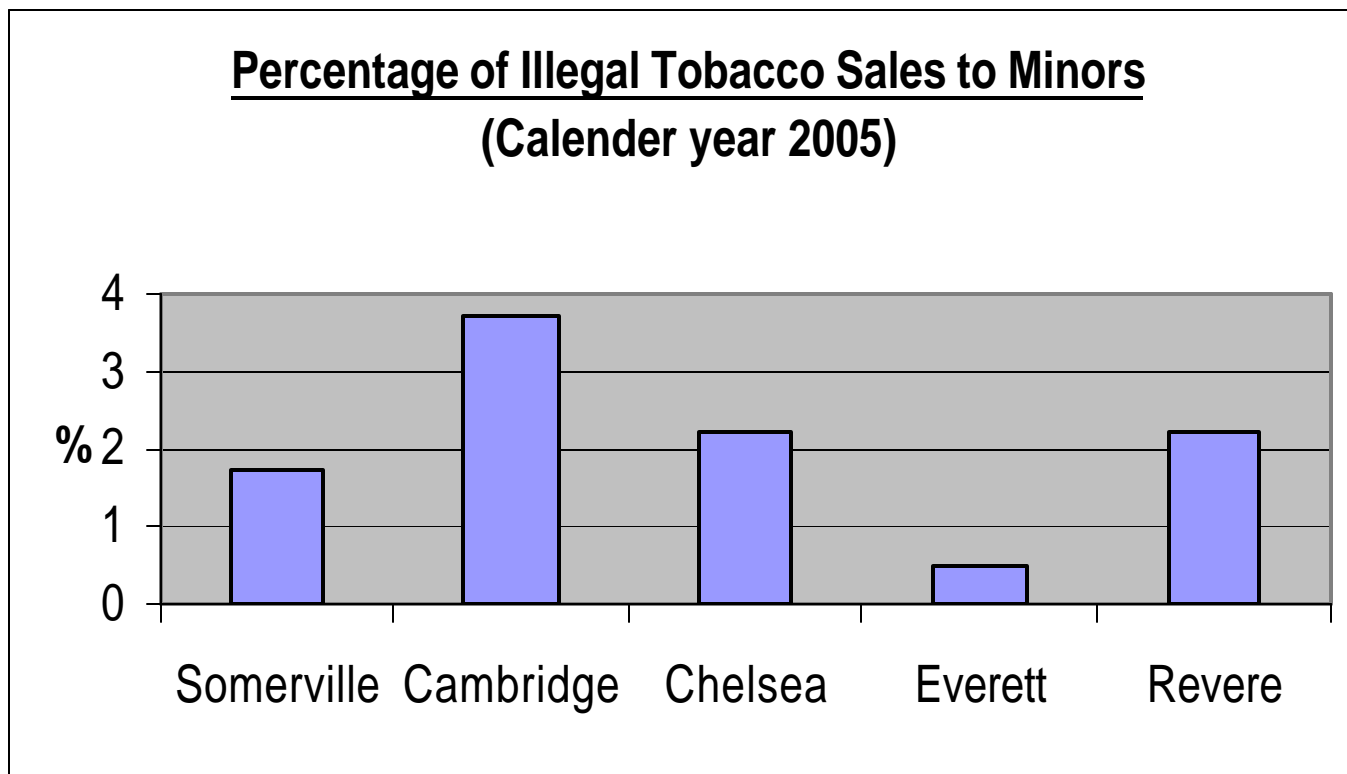
5. HEALTH – Somerville Cares About Prevention: FY06 Accomplishments

- Received five-year grant (\$500,000) from SAMHSA to continue work on drug prevention.
- Received \$10,000 to implement prevention strategies for heroin and other opiates.
- Hosted Statewide Oxycontin Commission hearing, attended by more than 100 people.
- Conducted Regional Sticker Shock campaign where youth put labels on multipacks of beer and wine, warning that it is illegal to provide alcohol to underage youth, as well as alcohol purchase surveys.

18. 2004 – 2005 Middle School Health Survey								
Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use								
	Total		Gender		Grade			MTF
	2003	2005	Males	Females	6th	7th	8th	8th
Use in a Lifetime								
Cigarettes	N/A	23.6%	22.8%	24.4%	13.6%	24.3%	33.0%	27.9%
Alcohol (Other than a few sips)	30.1%	37.6%	39.2%	35.9%	27.5%	34.0%	50.9%	43.9%
Binge Alcohol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marijuana	N/A	11.3%	13.2%	9.2%	4.8%	9.0%	20.0%	16.3%
Inhalants	N/A	10.9%	9.9%	11.9%	7.4%	10.9%	14.4%	17.3%
Steroids (without a prescription)	3.9%	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	1.9%
Cocaine	N/A	2.1%	2.6%	1.6%	1.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%
Heroin	N/A	1%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	1.6%	0.9%	1.6%
Ecstasy	N/A	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%	0.3%	2.2%	1.1%	2.8%
Oxycontin	N/A	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	1.6%	0.9%	N/A
Other Illegal Drugs	N/A	2.0%	1.9%	2.0%	0.3%	2.8%	2.9%	N/A
Current Use								
Cigarettes	N/A	7.3%	5.9%	8.8%	2.8%	9.0%	10.2%	9.2%
Alcohol (Other than a few sips)	15.2%	13.4%	12.4%	14.5%	7.7%	13.0%	19.7%	18.6%
Binge Alcohol	N/A	2.7%	3.0%	2.4%	0.6%	2.8%	4.9%	N/A
Marijuana	0.062	7.1%	8.6%	5.4%	3.1%	6.2%	12.0%	6.4%
Inhalants	0.063	6.1%	4.9%	7.4%	5.6%	6.2%	6.6%	4.5%
Steroids (without a prescription)	N/A	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Cocaine	0.012	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%	1.5%	0.6%	0.9%
Heroin	N/A	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%

6. HEALTH – Tobacco Control: FY06 Accomplishments

- Rate of illegal sales to minors maintained below 5% for all 5 cities.
- Renewed tobacco control grant with the state for another 5 years.
- Updated Youth Access regulations in Somerville and Chelsea.
- Tobacco Control Complaints Process added to 311-work order system.



7. HEALTH – Prevention: FY06 Accomplishments

Trauma Response Network:

- Trained over 100 community members in basic Post Traumatic Stress Management.
- TRN performed reconnaissance offered community support as needed on approximately 35 traumatic incidents since January 2005.
- TRN mobilized on four occasions for a total of 24 interventions.

Shape Up Somerville (SUS):

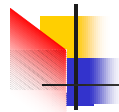
- Established program that will improve the well being of Somerville by promoting healthier behaviors around physical activity and nutrition.
- Will work to increase the percent of employees who believe their work environment encourages healthful eating habits and physical activity

Somerville Municipal Medicaid Project:

- The Health Department continues the effort to bring substantial Medicaid Reimbursement dollars to the City by coordinating with the Shore Educational Collaborative in identifying students in the Chapter 766 program who are Medicaid eligible. In FY06 we exceeded revenue estimates by bringing in an additional \$ 407,702 to the General Fund.

8. HEALTH – Women's Commission: FY06 Accomplishments

- Somerville Status of Women Project completed survey and analysis of needs of women.
- Exhibit for Women's History Month event attended by 35 people.
- Monthly meetings held and regular outreach to attract new commissioners.
- Visibility of Women's Commission increased through increased print media, web, and list-serve communications.



Develop Status of Women

- SCW released the Executive Summary of the Somerville Status of Women in Spring 2005
- SCW will release the full Somerville Status of Women Report this Spring 2006
- SCW ED is developing a system to routinely maintain a data collection and reporting system to identify service gaps, statistics, and action items for the Women's Commission



Grow Women's Commission

- SCW has five new Commissioners
- SCW participates in or leads four city-wide professional level collaborative groups
- SCW collaborates with state-level women's organizations for Somerville outreach, education, and advocacy

9. HEALTH – Emergency Preparedness: FY07 Goal & FY06 Accomplishments

• Increase public health and citywide preparedness in emergency preparedness arena.

FY06 Accomplishments:

- 75% of Health Department completed the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System Training.
- Developed Board of Health Emergency Operations Plan.
- Board of Health completed Continuity of Operations Planning in event of real emergency.

5. Emergency Preparedness Activities

- **May 9, 2005:**
 - o IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - o IS-700 Introduction to NIMS (National Incident Management System)
- **June 29, 2005:** National Environmental Health Association: Medical Reserve Corps
- **Sept. 29, 2005:** Avian Flu Pandemic Exercise
- **Nov. 11, 2005:** Local Public Health & the Law
- **Dec. 1, 2005:** Personal Protective Equipment for Infection Control in the Community
- **Ongoing** – Every 3rd Wednesday each month throughout the year:
 - o Region 4B Emergency Preparedness meetings
 - o Metro Boston Office of Homeland Security, Public Health Division meetings
- **Ongoing** – as requested by DPH or community partners:
 - o Emergency Dispensing Site planning
 - o Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings and exercises
 - o Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings and exercises
- **Recently**, we've also been asked to participate in meetings about BioWatch, a federal monitor for bio-terrorism substances.

10. HEALTH – Board of Health: FY07 Goal & FY06 Accomplishments

- **Maintain professional standards, education, and training of the Board of Health members.**

FY06 Accomplishments:

- Appointed 2 new board members, certified them as qualified Board of Health members, and successfully passed statewide certification training.
- Board members and Mayor honored Dr. David Osler for over 20 years of service on the Board.
- Updated the Body Art Regulations to include Apprenticeship Process.
- Board members approved fee increases for location of tobacco, massage practitioners, massage establishments, body art practitioners, body art establishments, dumpster users and dumpster contractors.

11. HEALTH – Health Department: FY07 Goal & FY06 Accomplishments

- **Conduct a strategic planning process to get clarity on vision, mission, values and goals of Health department.**

FY06 Accomplishments:

- Board of Health implemented educational materials, alert letters, and media articles to increase awareness and educate the public about Cimex Control.
- Board of Health developed and posted on the website the hypodermic needle control policy.
- Board of Health completed a comprehensive needs assessment of the rodent control problem.
- Board of Health received two additional grants to fund new positions. These include a Shape Up Somerville Coordinator and an Emergency Preparedness Assistant Coordinator.
- Director completed the following components of strategic planning process: hiring of planner, identifying gaps in health department, developing job description for Assistant Director, identifying and reviewing each grant managed by the health department.

12. HEALTH – Administrative: FY07 Goal

- **Improve the Health Department's performance by using more effective management tools and demanding accountability through adopting the SomerStat program, and implementing the activity-based budget, and through consistent and regular communication and reporting between health inspectors and the Board of Health.**

FY07 Desired Outcomes:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in progress between OSPCD and Health Department.
- Health Inspector supervisor communicates regularly with Director and BOH.
- Increased follow-up post resolution of complaints.

13. HEALTH – Administrative: FY07 Goal

- **Work in support of City goals to revolutionize customer service, and professionalize Health Department planning and management.**

FY07 Desired Outcomes:

- Develop public health information for dissemination. Have newspaper/cable coverage of issues to keep citizens informed.
- Respond to increased citizen public health complaints using website.
- Improve diverse Somerville public's interaction with Health Department.

14. HEALTH – Administrative: FY07 Goal & FY06 Accomplishments

FY06 Accomplishments:

- Standardized time sheet and combined grant-funded employees and Health Department payrolls.
- Developed telephone tracking worksheet that counts call volumes and delineates calls by topic.
- Facilitated new Board members completing all training and orientation requirement to fulfill Board member roles.

Health Department Calls by Type

12/26/06 - 3/17/06		
Category	Number of Calls	Percent
ISD/Health Unit	888	52%
Other	332	20%
Complaint	139	8%
Transfer Calls	109	6%
School Nursing	91	5%
Unidentified	43	3%
Public Health Nursing	41	2%
Tobacco Control	17	1%
SCAP	16	1%
Women's Commission	9	1%
Walk-in	7	0%
Trauma Response	6	0%
Total	1698	100%

